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: **ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS**

A METHOD OF PREPARING A COLLAGEN
SPONGE, A DEVICE FOR EXTRACTING A
PART OF A COLLAGEN FOAM, AND AN
ELONGATED COLLAGEN SPONGE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

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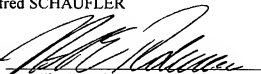
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4. For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference is made to:

- a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 2-4,
 - d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference: Reference EP 0059265 corresponds to U.S. 4,453,939
5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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